Faulty meters in Delhi

†4099. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Power Research Institute, Bangalore, has reported major faults in the electronic meters being used by consumers in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an assessment of financial loss to the consumers due to these faults has also been made;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken so far, by Government to compensate the financial losses to the consumers during the recent years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Electricity is a concurrent subject, and distribution of electricity comes within the purview of the States. The distribution companies (DISCOMs) are regulated by the respective State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003.

The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) has informed that in recent years, a number of meter testing drives have been conducted by the DISCOMs, the Government of NCT of Delhi, and in association with the Central Power Research Institute, by the DERC. The DERC has further informed that it is not aware of any such report by the CPRI.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of above.

Power generation by NHPC

†4100. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several power generation projects are functioning under the national Hydro Power Corporation (NHPC);

(b) if so, in how many projects power was being generated during 2007-08, along with their total generation capacity;

(c) the power generated during each year between 2004-05 to 2007-08, along with the percentage of the installed power generation capacity used for the purpose in those projects; and

(d) to what extent this generation is more or less than the prescribed norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As on 31.3.2008, 14 Hydroelectric Stations are functioning under the NHPC Ltd. These stations have an aggregate installed generation capacity of 5167.20 MW, including two hydro stations with an aggregate capacity of 1520 MW under the NHDC (A joint venture between NHPC & Government of Madhya Pradesh).

(c) and (d) Based on the availability of water, the maintenance schedules and such other factors, the targets, for generation from each of the hydro stations are fixed month-wise. During the past four years (2004-05 to 2007-08), the total generation from hydro stations of NHPC was higher than their targets fixed for the years, except in 2006-07. The year-wise details are given in the Statement.

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